

Comment about Proceeding 04-233:

Christian radio stations, in general, and KLOVE and The Fish, in particular, provide me with a positive, encouraging and uplifting outlook to my day. I travel for my job, and always check to see if KLOVE is available in the area where I'll be so I can listen to it in the car. If not, I can at least listen to it or The Fish, via the Internet in my hotel room.

Freedom of religion is the first right -- even before freedom of speech -- in the Bill of Rights. Combining the two rights should ensure the unimpeded continued licensing of religious broadcasters. Continued advertising or public sponsorship should prove they are meeting the needs of the local community without the potential censorship of advisory boards or additional regulations.

Because not every "local" rural community can afford their own religious radio station, there should be at least a "fair and equal balance" between existing translator stations that the public values and new LPFM stations that may want to begin broadcasting in the area. It should have not to be one or the other. Let the listeners have both, just like they have both public access and other programming to choose when watching local cable.